GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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USE OF ILS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of flights were delayed due to fog last year;

(b) if so, the factors attributed thereto;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely and safe flights during foggy season this year;

(d) whether the pilots of Jet Airways and Air Sahara are not trained in the use of ILS CAT-III A; and

(e) if so, the remedial action being taken by the Government to ensure safety of the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The fact that pilots of some airlines are not trained to use the Cat-IIIA Instrument Landing System (ILS) is the main factor for delay in flight operations during fog situations.

(c): Special training has been stipulated for pilots for landing in ILS Cat-II and Cat-IIIA weather conditions. Operators are required to train their pilots for ILS Cat-II and Cat-IIIA operations as per the training requirements. Directorate General of Civil Aviation has been continuously monitoring the progress of training of pilots in order to have adequate number of pilots to meet the low visibility conditions during the ensuing winter season.

(d): Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines have been authorized for ILS Cat-II operations. On obtaining required experience and training, they would be considered for ILS Cat-IIIA operations also.

(e): Pilots not authorized for ILS Cat-IIIA conditions are not allowed to conduct operations in ILS Cat-IIIA conditions. As such, safety of the passengers is not endangered.